



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/960,345
Confirmation Number	4619
Filing Date	September 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	KUSANO, YUKIHIRO
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Norca Liz Torres Velazquez
Matter Number	Q65935
Title	RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. Petition for Extension of Time
- v. Other Terminal Disclaimer

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

b. Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature [Signature] Date June 21, 2004



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004. A Petition and payment for a two-month extension of time are attached, making this Amendment due on or before June 21, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith concurrently.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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